

SERIES: CHURCH ON MISSION

PASTOR: Josh Jordan

DATE: Saturday - Sunday, July 29-30, 2023

SERMON: People of Mercy

SCRIPTURE: Luke 6:27-36 NIV

[27] "But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you,

[28] bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.

[29] If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them.

[30] Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back.

[31] Do to others as you would have them do to you.

[32] "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them.

[33] And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that.

[34] And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, expecting to be repaid in full.

[35] But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked.

[36] Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

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1. Mercy by definition is _____ or _____ shown toward someone, whom it is within one's power to punish or harm.

Micah 6:8 To do justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with our God.

- _____ your enemies.
- _____ to those who hate you.
- _____ those who curse you.
- _____ for those who mistreat you.

2. When we are a church on mission, our possessions, our _____, our _____ and our personal well-being are all _____ for the Kingdom.

3. Mercy is _____.

4. Mercy is _____.

5. At the _____ of our God is mercy.

Matthew 9:12-13 On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

6. The ultimate act of mercy was _____.

1 Peter 2:23 When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly.

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Meet Pastor Josh Jordan

First Baptist Church Covington is blessed to have so many wonderful pastors that seek God, love their families, and have a heart for people.

This weekend Josh introduces himself and his family: Leslie and I are grateful to serve our church family. I moved from Texas to serve on staff in June of 2007 - and met the love of my life, Leslie, 3 months later when she moved here from Alabama. We were married in 2008 and have loved serving at FBC for these last 16 years! We have 4 kids: Kate, Judah, John Luke, and Jonas, who love our children's ministry and church. During this time, we learned a lot about parenting and still have a lot to learn!

*My role at FBC is **College and Young Families Pastor**. I get to shepherd our college students who are growing as leaders in our church. I also help young families get connected through Connect Groups, Equip Classes, VBS, Upward Sports, MOPS, Mother's Day Out, Trail Life and American Heritage Girls. We have a great team of volunteers and staff that lead in these ministries every week! Our heart's desire is to see Dads, Moms and kids reached by the gospel and transformed for HIS GLORY! - Josh*

Martha and I have enjoyed the month away, but we are looking forward to being back at work on Monday. Just a reminder that this week we start back **Tuesday Men's Breakfast**, August 1st, **Wednesday Night Bible Study** August 2nd, and **Kid's Worship** Sunday August 6th.

Next weekend we also have **Class Promotions** for our Preschool, Children, and Youth ministries.

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